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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS (SSH) FY 76

1. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, BY EARLY MARCH JUST OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE DOLS. 900,000 IN SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS ALLOCATED TO 26 MISSIONS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING FIRST THREE TRANCHES OF FY 1976 HAD BEEN OBLIGATED (I.E., ROUGHLY DOLS. 475,000 OUT DOLS. 900,000). WHILE THIS PACE IS SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN IN FY 75, PERFORMANCE RECORD IS STILL UNEVEN.

2. SOME 16 OF 26 POST RECIPIENTS HAVE OBLIGATED WELL OVER HALF THEIR ALLOCATIONS. OF THESE 16 POSTS, SIX COUNTRIES ARE FULLY OBLIGATED, SEVERAL WITH DOLS. 50,000 TO DOLS. 100,000 IN WORTHY PROJECTS ON SHELF AWAITING FUND ALLOCATIONS. ON OTHER END, SIX COUNTRIES HAVE OBLIGATED LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THEIR ALLOCATIONS OF WHICH THREE HAVE NOT SIGNED ANY FY 76 PROJECT AGREEMENTS (IAA'S).

3. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT NUMBER OF AFRICAN HOST GOVERN-

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MENTS HAVE NOT SIGNED IAA APPLICATIONS OR IN OTHER WAYS

HAVE CAUSED DELAYS THIS FISCAL YEAR, ACCELERATED OBLIGATION IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE NOW.

4. WE ARE DETERMINED TO AVOID LAST MINUTE REALLOCATIONS AS WAS REQUIRED IN JUNE 1975. ALSO, WE WILL BE PREPARING FOR FOURTH TRANCHE ALLOCATIONS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS AND INTEND CONDITION DISTRIBUTION ON POST PERFORMANCE TO DATE. FINAL TRANCHE ALLOCATION SSH FUNDS AWAITS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AID APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 76. OUTLOOK IS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC IF OUR OBLIGATION RECORD REFLECTS CLEAR NEED FOR WORTHY PROJECTS.

5. WE WILL BE REQUIRED END MAY TO BEGIN TRANSFERING "FALL-OUT" FUNDS FROM COUNTRIES WITH WEAK OBLIGATION RECORD TO THOSE MISSIONS WHERE PROJECTS ARE READY FOR SIGNING.- POST RELEASE OF FUNDS GUARANTEES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN NEXT ALLOCATION.

6. IN FIRST THREE TRANCHES OF THIS FISCAL YEAR CHAD HAS RECEIVED ALLOCATIONS TOTALING DOLS. 40,000. BY EARLY MARCH, THERE WERE NO RPT NO OBLIGATIONS ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS. KISSINGER

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